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FOR: A MOLECULAR SWITCH FOR REGULATING MAMMALIAN GENE
EXPRESSION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks prior to
examination are respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly enter the following amended paragraphs.

Page 25, delete the eleventh paragraph between lines 30-33, and replace it
with the following

Q¹ SEQ ID NO:14 [SIL/MRE]3 5'-CTTCAGCACCGCGGACAGTTGAGCT-
TCGGGGCTTTTGCACTCGTCCCGGCTCTACTTCAGCACCGCGGACAGTTGAGC
TTCGGGGCTTTTGCACTCGTCCCGGCTCTACTTCAGCACCGCGGACAGTTGAG
CTTCGGGGCTTTTGCACTCGTCCCGGCTCTA-3'

Page 26, delete the first paragraph between lines 1-4, and replace it with the
following

Q² SEQ ID NO:15 HREet-1 5'-CTGGCCTTATCTCCGGCTGCACGTT-
GCCTGTTGGTGACTAATAACACAATAA-3' is the sequence of the oligonucleotide
containing the hypoxia response enhancer (HRE) element from the endothelin (ET-
1) gene.